

FINANCE AND FOREIGN TRADE BRANCH

MISSION

The Finance and Foreign Trade Branch is responsible for research, evaluation of basic intelligence information, and the production of intelligence reports, on such aspects of the finance and commerce of the world, with particular emphasis on the Soviet Orbit, as bear on the national interests and security of the United States. Specifically, the Branch will conduct research and report on budgets, fiscal policies, currency, foreign exchange balances and transactions, domestic and foreign investments, banking structures and operations, gold production, reserves, foreign trade policies, balance of payments, trade practices and clandestine trade of the Soviet Bloc, imports and exports, domestic trade and similar items.

The Branch will issue collection directives on these subjects, establish liaison with other agencies working in the field, and will coordinate research and analysis in finance and foreign trade done by the other IAC agencies. For the purpose of effecting such coordination, it will establish an Ad Hoc Finance and Foreign Trade Committee, composed of representatives of the IAC agencies concerned with these problems.

It will represent the Division in conferences with other CIA offices on finance and foreign trade, and will advise other Branches of the Economic Services Division on such aspects of these subjects as relate to their work.